



Croydon Creek Nature Center

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Activities are held at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Registration is required. There are no registration deadlines, unless otherwise noted. Registration available for programs up until the day of the event.

Creek Crawl

How many different animals live in Croydon Creek? Find out as we spend an afternoon in our aquatic habitat searching and identifying local critters. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a towel. Register by 9/6.

Age: 7-11

26201 Sa 9/13 1-2:30 PM \$7/\$9

Croydon Creek Campfire

Gather around the campfire at Croydon Creek Nature Center for stories, snacks and more. All participants must register in advance. All ages welcome.

Spooky Stories *New*

Come to the Nature Center for a campfire, some child-friendly spooky stories and a campfire treat. Bring along a blanket or lawn chairs for sitting. An adult must accompany children under the age of 10 and all participants must register. Register by 10/6.

26171 Sa 10/11 6-7 PM \$4/\$5

Animals Nobody Loves *New*

Spiders, vultures and roaches, oh my! We will enjoy a campfire, a treat and learn about reasons why we should love all animals, even the creepy ones! Bring along a blanket or lawn chairs for sitting. An adult must accompany children under the age of 10 and all participants must register. Register by 11/14.

26172 Sa 11/22 6-7 PM \$4/\$5



Holiday Cards *New*

'Tis the season for handmade cards! Learn some card making techniques and make three different cards to take home. Register by 11/14.

Age: 13+

26205 Sa 11/22 2-3:30 PM \$12/\$14

Junior Naturalist Club

Interested in exploring the natural world? Join the Junior Naturalists Club. Each month we will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Participants who complete all nine courses will earn an official Junior Naturalist T-shirt. Dress for the weather, as time will be spent outdoors. ♥

Age: 10-14

Becoming a Naturalist

True naturalists are keen observers of the world around them. Through games and activities, we will sharpen our senses and put them to the test on a scavenger hunt through the woods.

26166 W 10/8 4-5:30 PM \$12/\$14

Mini Bio-Blitz

A detailed inventory of living organisms in a specified area is a bio blitz. Help catalog the animals and plants around Croydon Creek. We will repeat this in the spring and compare lists.

26167 W 11/12 4-5:30 PM \$12/\$14

Winter Adaptations

It's a tricky business surviving the cold and shortage of food during the winter months in Maryland. We'll explore the strategies and adaptations of the animals and plants in our area that have proven successful.

26168 W 12/10 4-5:30 PM \$12/\$14



Plant Pressing *New*

Make your own mini-plant press and learn how to collect and preserve flowers and leaves. Participants will go outdoors so dress for the weather. Register by 9/12.

Age: 8-12

26202 Sa 9/20 3-4 PM \$10/\$12

Pumpkin Science

Become a pumpkin scientist by performing hands-on experiments on these fantastic fall fruits. Be ready to get messy! Paint your own pumpkin to take home. Register by 10/13.

Age: 7-11

26169 F 10/17 1-2:30 PM \$9/\$11

Ready for Winter

Find out what animals do to get ready for winter. Meet some of Croydon Creek's resident critters and discover how they cope with the cold. We'll go for a hike so dress for the weather. Register by 11/5.

Age: 6-9

26204 Tu 11/11 2-3 PM \$7/\$9

Pinecone Wreath-Making *New*

Hanging a wreath on a door is a tradition in many parts of the world. Come and learn how to make a beautiful and long-lasting decoration to welcome people to your home. All necessary materials are provided and an adult must accompany children under 12. Register by 11/21.

Age: 10+

26207 Sa 12/6 10 AM-12 PM \$31/\$38

26268 Sa 12/6 2-4 PM \$31/\$38

**CROYDON CREEP
NATURE CENTER**

Join us on Friday, October 24, from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of frightful fun! There will be lots of games, hands-on activities, live animal interpretation and a spooky nature hike. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. \$1 per person at the door. Children under two are free.

**Tiny Tot Walks - Adult/Child**

Participants will spend time outdoors, so please dress for the weather!

Ages: 2-3 1/2

Incredible Insects

There are more kinds of insects than any other animal in the world. Hop, buzz or fly on down to the Nature Center to learn more about these tiny beasts through stories, a craft and bug hunt in the meadow.

26142 Th 9/18 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

Lovely Leaves

Brown, yellow, orange, red - leaves are changing colors. Lessons will be taught through stories, hands-on activities and a craft.

26143 Th 10/16 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

Turkey Time

Which bird almost won over the Eagle as our national bird (Hint: gobble gobble)? Join us at the Nature Center for turkey stories, hands-on activities and crafts.

26144 Th 11/20 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

Feathers, Fur and Fun

Different animals have different types of body coverings. Through stories, hands-on activities and crafts we will discover more about these coverings and the bodies they cover.

26145 Th 12/18 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

Tree ID

Learn how to identify common trees found around the Nature Center. Participants will receive a Tree Identification Guide to take home. Register by 10/21.


Age: 8-12

26203 W 10/29 3:30-4:30 PM \$7/\$9



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Tyke Hikes

Participants will spend time outdoors, so please dress for the weather!  

Ages: 3 1/2 - 6

Insect Explorers

On planet Earth insects outnumber humans 200 million to one. Learn more about this amazing group of animals through stories, a craft and an insect hunt in the meadow.

26162 Th 9/18 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

Falling Falling Leaves

Trees are getting ready for winter by dropping their leaves. Learn more about this colorful shower through stories, hands-on activities and a craft.

26163 Th 10/16 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

Terrific Turkeys

Turkeys are the largest ground-dwelling birds native to North America. Join us to learn more about this much loved bird through stories, hands-on activities and a craft.


26164 Th 11/20 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

Fabulous Feathers & Fancy Fur

Birds have feathers and mammals have fur. Through a craft, stories and hands-on activities, we will find out more about these animals and their coverings.

26165 Th 12/18 1-2 PM \$6/\$7


Winter Nature Fun

Spend the day at the Nature Center and have some winter fun making birdfeeders, learning about animal tracks, hiking in the forest preserve and catching up with Croydon Creek's critters. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Register by 12/15. 

Age: 7-12

26209 Tu 12/30 9 AM-3 PM \$48/\$60

Scout Badge Days

Naturalists can help you complete all necessary requirements to achieve the following badges. All materials are provided, however badges are not supplied by the Nature Center. The cost is \$12 for residents; \$14 nonresidents. Programs take place rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. Contact Melinda Norton at 240-314-8771 to register or for further information. 

Webelos Forester Badge – Sat., Oct. 4

10 – 12 p.m. or 2 – 4 p.m.

Brownie Animal Try-It Badge – Sat., Nov. 1

10 – 12 p.m. or 2 – 4 p.m.



8th Annual

FALL SPOOKTACULAR

Family Event

Twinbrook Community
Recreation Center

Saturday, October 25 • 1-3 p.m.

"COME IN COSTUME"

Costume Parade and Judging, 2 p.m.
Halloween Activities

\$1 per person at the door

